

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner Thong H Vu	Art Unit 2142	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 6/28/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-11.
3. The drawings filed on 2/24/2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

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Reason for allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

1. Applicant argument submitted on 6/28/04 have been considered and are persuasive, especially pages 8-12 which detail creating a single virtual circuit wherein the single virtual circuit is a only virtual circuit on the communication channel and binding the communication channel to the communication to the connection-oriented client based upon the channel identifier.

None of the prior art of record discloses or fairly suggest the network device with driver logic, stored on said computer readable medium, wherein the driver logic is operable to create a communication channel for the connection-oriented client logic, the communication channel having a channel identifier, wherein the driver logic is operable to create a single virtual circuit for the connection-oriented client logic on the communication channel, wherein the virtual circuit is the only virtual circuit on the communication channel, wherein the binding logic is operable to bind the connection-oriented client logic to the communication channel using the channel identifier, and wherein the driver logic is further operable to forward data received from the communication channel to the connection-oriented client logic based upon the channel identifier .

The functionality is supported by the specification at pages 4-7 and Fig3, 5.

2. Claims 6,8,10 and 11 contain the similar limitations set forth claim 31. Therefore claims 6,8,10 and 11 are allowable.

3. Claims 2-4; 7;9 depend on claims 1;6;7, respectively, are considered allowable on the same basis as the independent claim as well as for the further limitations set forth

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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